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SUBJECT: STATE OF EMERGENCY DECLARED IN BANGLADEH - SITREP
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¶1. (SBU) At 1920 local, media reported that the caretaker government under President Iajuddin Ahmed had authorized a state of emergency. Embassy has confirmation from multiple sources. Media reported that a night time curfew, 2300 to 0500 will be imposed beginning tonight, January 11, and remain in effect until further notice. The curfew is for all metropolitan areas and division capitals.

¶2. (SBU) As of 2030 local, the situation is calm. The embassy convened an EAC meeting at 1900 and will have another at 2100 (septel).

¶3. (SBU) President Ahmed is expected to address the nation in a televised broadcast. Ahmed reportedly will resign as Chief Advisor. As of 2030 local, there is no reliable information about a successor Chief Advisor.

¶4. (SBU) There has been no announcement of what role the military will play during this state of emergency.

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